

# WEATHER FORECAST.

Fair and warmer to-day; to-morrow fair and colder; fresh southwest winds. Highest temperature yesterday, 31; lowest, 17. Detailed weather reports on editorial page.

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## FRENCH BOXER RETAINS TITLE BY A KNOCKOUT

Carpentier Takes Only 50 Seconds to Dispose of Beckett in London.

BRITON IS OUTCLASSED Right to Jaw Wins for Europe's Heavyweight Leader.

NOBILITY ATTENDS BOUT

Prince of Wales Among Those Present—Englishmen Are Amazed at Defeat.

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Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

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London, Dec. 4. Ring-side, Holborn Stadium.—George Carpentier still is heavyweight champion of Europe and will be the next opponent of Jack Dempsey for the world's title. To-night in the Holborn Stadium in the presence of the Prince of Wales and a notable assemblage of lords, dukes and earls Carpentier knocked out Joe Beckett, heavyweight champion of Great Britain, with a hard right hand smash to the jaw in fifty seconds of fighting in the first round.

The knockout came so suddenly it stunned the backers of Beckett, who had bet thousands of pounds on his favorite. The knockout punch was the first hard blow delivered. The Frenchman fought with a left to the body and, as Beckett dropped his hands to block the blow, Carpentier shot a straight right to the point of the chin. Beckett fell like a log on his right side and rolled over on his face. The timer started to count but saw it was unnecessary. Beckett's seconds rushed to help the fallen fighter, but the Frenchman beat them to it. He lifted the 184 pound Beckett from the floor and carried him to his corner as a flash and a shout from the Frenchman then was heard around the ring to shouts and cheers.

Second Quick Knockout by Carpentier.

It was the second time that Carpentier had knocked out a British champion in one round. Bombardier Billy Wells got the same dose from the Frenchman.

The result struck Britons dumb. The mob which filled the streets outside refused to believe the first report. When it was verified the Britons walked away in amazed silence.

When the men slipped Beckett was shown to be the same bulky as Dempsey. He was brown skinned, large muscled and cool and businesslike in demeanor. The Frenchman looked like a boy beside the huge well muscled Briton, but Carpentier was in superb condition. He was trained to the minute, like a boxer, and was as fast and as scientific as Jim Corbett.

When the song rang for the first round the Frenchman dashed out on his feet. Beckett was fuddled. The Frenchman was the first to let the fight be left to the face. They clinched and each tried to reach the body on the break. Carpentier feinted rapidly with both hands and Beckett stepped in with his left hand to the body. Carpentier responded with a stiff left to the chin and followed with a right to the face that shook Beckett.

There was some long range sparring and then came the feint, followed by the crashing right to the jaw that sent Beckett into the pugilistic discard.

Crowd Is Amazed.

The big crowd blinked in astonishment as Beckett lay on his face on the ring floor. None showed greater surprise than the Prince of Wales, who occupied a ring-side seat. The Prince got an ovation as he entered at 9 P. M. and responded with a short speech. He said:

"I thank you one and all for your very kind welcome. I am glad to be among you once again."

The Prince was the first to put out his hand to the manager of the bout.

When Dempsey, the manager of the Frenchman, was asked, Carpentier would fight Dempsey he replied:

"Yes, and beat him, too."

C. B. Cochran announced he would give \$10,000 for a Dempsey-Carpentier match in Olympia here next June or earlier.

Despite the fact that tickets sold for as high as \$50 the seats were all taken and \$50,000 were blacked-out the streets outside. No event of any kind has taken such a hold on the people of London. The interest was unprecedented. Knowing that millions would await the result, while the seating capacity of the hall would only accommodate about 4,000, unusual methods were taken to inform the citizens of what had happened.

It was arranged for an airplane to ascend and signal the result, a red flare if Beckett should be victor and a green flare for Carpentier. In case of a draw both red and green lights were to have been shown. When the green flare flashed from high up in the heavens it figuratively cast a curtain of gloom over the British Isles. Intensely patriotic Britons to a man had pinned their faith on Beckett.

Fortune Changed Hands.

A fortune changed hands on the result of the bout. A flood of French money yesterday brought the odds, which had been 3 to 4 in favor of Beckett, to even. Money poured in from across the Channel all day to-day following Dempsey's victory. Carpentier never was in more superb condition.

The French had been sceptical about their idol's condition, but once assured by Dempsey that Carpentier was in the pink of condition the French sports plunged heavily.

Most of the betting was done at even, but as the fight was held here there was a preponderance of the money and

## England Will Force Germans to Ratify

GLASGOW, Scotland, Dec. 4.—Addressing a political demonstration here this evening Andrew Bonar Law, Government Leader in the House of Commons, alluded to Germany's "apparent attempt" to evade ratification of the peace treaty owing to the delay of the United States in adopting it. He said that he spoke for the Government, and he believed for the Allies, in declaring that they had the power, and if necessary would exercise it, to insure ratification by Germany of the treaty.

## GERMAN STAND AROUSES ALLIES

Will Be Forced to Sign New Treaty Provisions and Pay for Fleet.

ARMY IS READY TO ACT

Blockade Will Be Renewed if Tentons Do Not End Truculent Bearing.

By LAURENCE HILLS.

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PARIS, Dec. 4.—The amazing utterances of Count von Lerner, the German delegate to the peace conference, in the last few days, coupled with the manifestations attending the arrival of Field Marshal von Mackensen in Berlin and other signs of German truculence, have brought the Allies to a sharp realization that the present situation respecting the treaty must be ended sharply and decisively one way or the other.

There is no disguising the fact that the situation is as critical as that existing last June, when the world was in suspense waiting for action by the Weimar Assembly. If von Lerner has spoken here with the approval of his Government, it amounts to nothing short of defiance of the Allies expressed in a "What are you going to do about it?" manner.

Germany Plans Compromise.

Germany, says this representative of the German Government now installed in Paris, won't sign the protocol in its back to the original make to involve the right of the Allies to military measures for any infraction of Germany's obligations. Such talk must be disavowed by the German Government, von Lerner recalled, and the protocol signed or the Allies will again blockade the German ports actually as well as officially.

Germany's position is a military demonstration on the Rhine. Military measures probably will not be resorted to until after economic measures are exhausted. But von Lerner's developments here showed plainly that they are being evaded.

To-day, after the regular session of the Council, the five heads of delegations met in the Quai d'Orsay, excluding all secretaries, and called in Marshal Poch. Apparently the whole military aspect of the peace conference was reviewed. It was decided to send one more note to Germany, calling attention to von Lerner's statements and demanding to know forthwith whether Germany intends to accept the protocol and put the treaty on the verge of ratification or, under threat of immediate resumption of war measures. This note is now being formulated in the French Foreign Office.

Thinks League Failure.

How far Germany really intends to go nobody here pretends to know, but that this crisis should have arisen thirteen months after the signing of the armistice has caused a feeling of profound discouragement. What appears to account for the present situation is:

First, that Germany has made up her mind to the work of the peace makers here has been a practical failure, as shown in the present state of Europe, and is seeking to gain what advantage she can from the situation.

Second, that the Germans particularly resented the tone of the Clemenceau of November 15 regarding prisoners, wherein he flatly refused to return the prisoners by Christmas, on the ground that the people of the devastated regions of France, where the prisoners are now at work, would not consent to their going home until the treaty became effective. This note when published in Berlin seems to have aroused a storm of indignation. It has never been published here.

Third, that the Germans have got it into their heads that the Allies are not really together on the question of France's retention of prisoners nor regarding the Scape Flow demand and are again trying to arouse world sentiment in their favor to escape the policy which the Allies are dictating in the Council here.

Regarding the German prisoners, there is no question that the Allies have been together from the beginning, leaving France has every right to retain its prisoners. Great Britain and America releasing theirs solely, it is explained, because of the heavy expense of keeping them.

It can scarcely seem, therefore, that the Germans can hope to achieve anything by their present tactics, inasmuch as the American delegation has shown plainly to the Germans that it is standing by the Allies.

BERLIN TO IGNORE LAST ALLIED NOTE

Will Seek Oral Agreement in Protocol, It Is Said.

Basel, Switzerland, Dec. 4.—According to the Berliner Tagblatt the German Government does not intend to answer the last note of the Supreme Council with regard to the signature of the new

## CRAZED IN NIGHT KILLS WIFE AND SON; WOUNDS 3

Mason R. Strong, Believing His Whole Family Dead, Cuts His Throat.

USES AXE AS WEAPON Younger Son and Two Little Daughters Lay Unconscious for Day.

LEADING PASSAIC CITIZEN

Son of a Minister and an Architect With Offices in Manhattan.

A child's voice on the telephone said to Dr. John H. Carlisle of Passaic at 4:35 o'clock yesterday afternoon: "This is Nina Strong. Will you please come to our house right away. Everybody is sick here."

Dr. Carlisle hurried to the home of the child's father at 237 Lexington avenue, Passaic, where he found an architect and structural engineer with an office at 7 Wall street, New York, an elder of the North Reformed Church and one of the best known men in Passaic, and this is what the physician found:

Mr. Strong, suddenly insane, had arisen on Tuesday night, got an axe from the cellar and killed his wife and his sixteen-year-old daughter, Elizabeth. He then had struck his son, Nathaniel, 11 years old, his daughter, Nina, 14, and the youngest daughter, Suzanne, 9. Apparently believing that he had ended the lives of all five he had gone into the bathroom and killed himself by cutting his throat with a razor.

Two Died Instantly.

The axe crushed the skulls of Mrs. Strong and the girl Elizabeth and they had died almost instantly. The three others are in the Passaic General Hospital. Nathaniel Strong is still unconscious, as he has been since Tuesday night, when his father struck him as he lay asleep. His skull is fractured and he is expected to die.

Nina Strong has a terrible wound over the eyes and a possible fracture of the skull. Suzanne has concussion of the brain, but it is believed that these two girls may recover.

Nina and Suzanne Strong are so bewildered as a result of their injuries and the frightful scene they witnessed that they have no clear recollection of anything that happened. They have been able to tell merely that their mother died Tuesday night after their father had killed their mother and their brother.

Strong and his wife were unconscious for a long time themselves. Eventually they were able to crawl about, to make a small blaze in the fireplace, the furnace fire having gone out, to eat a little food that they found in the kitchen, and finally one of them recovered the use of her senses sufficiently to telephone the doctor. But even then they had only a faint idea of what really had come to pass.

Prightened Their Playmates.

It was two other little girls, playmates who had missed them from school, who went to the Strong home yesterday afternoon and for the first time since Tuesday afternoon saw Nina and Suzanne Strong. Nina and Suzanne were at the front door, clinging to it. Their faces were ashen and their eyes were staring. They were so frightened that they had no idea of what to do. They were so frightened that they had no idea of what to do.

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# WILSON'S STAND ON MEXICO SOUGHT; IGNORANT OF CRISIS, SAYS LANSING; TO SEE FALL AND HITCHCOCK TO-DAY

## RUSH HOUR CARS HEATLESS HERE

To Save Coal Also Theatre Signs Will Be On Only One Hour Daily.

NIXON ISSUES AN APPEAL

U. S. Ships in Foreign Trade Put Under Restrictions on Bunker Supply.

Public service corporations, theatrical managers and business interests generally initiated here yesterday the first steps toward fuel saving on a large scale. After a conference with representatives of the railroads, traction companies and light and power plants, in the course of which he warned those present that the situation was critical, Lewis Nixon, Public Service Commissioner, issued an order permitting the traction companies to shut off heat in all subway, elevated and surface cars in the rush hours for a period of two weeks.

His action was the result of a statement by Frank H. Hedley, president of the Interborough, that such a course would save between 200 and 300 tons of coal a day. The theatrical enterprises volunteered to discontinue the use of display electric signs outside theatres and moving picture houses except between 7:30 and 8:30 P. M. The Merchants Association of New York addressed letters to Dr. Garfield and Gov. Smith inquiring for information as to the exact measures desired by the Government.

Mr. Hedley in his statement before Commissioner Nixon expressed the opinion also that some reduction in train service on the subway in non-rush hours was practicable and would materially assist in fuel conservation. The Commissioner indicated that this plea also would probably receive favorable consideration. The Commissioner said that he knew a reduction in service just at the beginning of the holiday period would be unpopular, but he thought it better for the service to go on even with some reductions for a time rather than have it continue on full headway now and be altogether discontinued later.

Commissioner Nixon's Statement.

In a statement issued after the close of the meeting Mr. Nixon said:

"The conference was called on forty-eight hours notice to all the utilities using coal and was held